

The Daily Courant.

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Hague, Dec. 7.

THE Passage of the Schelde, and the Preservation of Brussels, were Actions of so great Importance, and have made so happy an Alteration in the Face of Affairs on our Frontier, that notwithstanding by the former Posts I sent you the most authentick Relations of those Actions in the Letters to the States publish'd by their Printer, you must allow me to return to so pleasing a Subject, chiefly to shew you upon what Grounds these Successes have thoroughly affected with Joy the People of this Country, who being more immediately concern'd in them than England, may perhaps (in general and as a Nation) let the higher and true Value on them.

The Siege of the Citadel of Lille was carrying on with all the Vigour that is consistent with a human and just Tenderness for the Lives of valiant Men, and with a provident Care of well-husbanding moderate Stores of Ammunition: The Generals were, each in his Post, bluntly and fearlessly intent on their proper Business; nor bad all the Boasts of the Enemy made us impatient for the Event. Things standing thus, the Enemy open'd a new Scene; their Parties made Incursions into the district of Boisséduc, burning and ravaging Part of the open Country, which recall'd to the Remembrance of our Populace, the great Loss sustain'd by the Irruption into Cadisant. And the Elector of Bavaria approaching Brussels at the same Time, reminded them also of the Loss of Ghent and Bruges, by Intelligence; which it was reasonable to imagine the Elector could not want in a Place where he had formerly liv'd so long with the greatest Profusion. The Alarm, the Uneasiness, the Apprehensions of the Bulk of our People on this Occasion, are hardly to be express'd: Nor were the better Sort without Concern, least the Enemy's Intelligence might work as mischievously in Antwerp as in Brussels; in short, least the Elector of Bavaria's clandestine Projects (for they fear'd no other) should succeed, to the infinite Prejudice of the Affairs of the Allies (more particularly of this State) in the Spanish Netherlands; which in Consequence might have had an irreparably bad Effect on those of Italy and Spain.

We now look back with Admiration on the Means by which we were so speedily deliver'd from these threatening Dangers: No sooner had the Elector of Bavaria mov'd towards Brussels, than the Duke of Marlborough dispatch'd Orders for several Regiments to be transported from Ostend to Antwerp; and sent to the Commandant of Brussels, to assure him that he would certainly endeavour to force his Passage over the Schelde, and come to his Relief. Upon this Encouragement, the States Deputies resolv'd to stay in Brussels; and the Preservation of that Place is at least as much owing to the Influence the Presence of those Deputies had on the Council of State, and of the Treasury of Brabant residing there, as to the Bravery of M. Pascal and his Garrison of between 4 and 5000 Men. This their High Mightinesses were so readily sensible of, that on the first Information from their laid Deputies of their Resolution to continue there, and of the secret Motives inducing them thereto, they return'd them a Letter giving them Thanks for their wise Conduct, and enclos'd therein a Resolution which they had pass'd to make Good to them whatever Loss they might sustain by it. Nor were their High Mightinesses less solicitous for Antwerp, whither they dispatch'd some of their own Members, with General Freistem an

exprienc'd Officer; and order'd Troops to hasten thither from Narden, Heulden, Grave, and other Places: And the States of Gelderland making some Difficulties to part with the Forces of their Repartition garrison'd in that Province, their High Mightinesses represent'd to them the urgent Necessity there was for it; and authoriz'd them, in Case any Mutiny should happen in their Province (as they alledg'd, they apprehended,) to arm and pay what Volunteers or others they could gather, promising that the Generality (that is, the seven united Provinces) should reimburse their Expences. Their High Mightinesses order'd likewise a Number of Men from Zealand by Water to Antwerp; Sent from hence Part of the Regiment of Saxe-Heylbourg to Boisséduc; and directed the Governors of Breda, Boisséduc, and Maestricht, to correspond with each other, and do all they could in Concert to clear the foresaid District of Boisséduc of the Enemy's Parties.

These vigorous Measures being taken, were executed by all the Parties concern'd, with Expedition, Firmness, and Unanimity. Brussels made a desperate Defence; the Deputies of the States knew what their Principals would require of them; and the Garrison that their Generals would not fail to keep their Word and venture all to relieve them: The Army of the Allies advanc'd swiftly, and in well-concerted Order to the Schelde; and the Enemy, by finding Time enough to send away their numerous Artillery from their Intrenchments, when they should have employ'd that Time in preparing to defend them to the utmost, (without which they knew all their other Projects must end in Smoke) have confess'd to all the World, that they entertain as contemptible an Opinion of themselves, as the Actions of Audenarde and Wynendale shew, our Soldiers have of them.

'Tis with the greatest Pleasure we reflect, that Chance and Accident had no Part in this Success; which was visibly owing to Measures well laid and executed; and principally to a perfect Harmony and good Understanding between the Duke of Marlborough, Prince Eugene, and the Field-Deputies of the States; and to the Vigilance, Resolution, and Wisdom, which naturally result from their Union in Affection for the common Cause. This whole Campaign indeed, has been one continued Scene of good Intelligence and Concord between those great Persons. Prince Eugene, [it would be understood to reason only from common Appearances, without pretending to the Knowledge of any Secret,] generously renounc'd the Lawrels which he might have hop'd to gather on the Moselle with a separate Army, and at his noble Friend's Request came down to the Netherlands, to joyn his Arms with his. The Duke of Marlborough shew'd his true Affection and Friendship for this State, in readily concurring with their High Mightinesses Desire to be possess'd of Lille, of which they may justly make their particular Advantage when Peace shall come to be treated; as also his Sollicitude for the good Success of the Siege of that Place, by sending seasonably for Troops and Ammunition from England to Ostend; for which Supply M. Vrybergen has been order'd by a Resolution of the States dated the 20th of November, to return Thanks to her Britannick Maj:ty. And as Prince Eugene shew'd great Candour and Disinterestedness in not scrupling to undertake that Siege with the Imperial Troops; So the Field-Deputies of the States have been careful not to put any unseasonable Restraint upon the two Warriors, but readily agreed to the fastening on the Enemy and engaging them on any Terms at Audenarde, and to this last Design of putting All to the Push at the Schelde.

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Permit me to add, that We of this Country, who so very sensibly find the Benefit of Unanimity and Concord between those Persons to whom the principal Potentates of the grand Alliance entrust their Forces, are absolutely convinc'd of the Obligation every Nation in the Confederacy is under, to keep up a firm Union between all the High Allies; and that the Necessity of that Union becomes greater, as a Treaty of Peace with France seems to grow nearer; lest the grand Enemy, should by his known Mastery in all the Arts of Negotiating, unhappily gain his Ends by making any Division among those Allies, whom he has hitherto always united the more closely the more he has endeavour'd to distract any of them by his Arms. The retrieving Actions of Blenheim, Turin, and of this Campaign, have, we hope, consolidated this Alliance too firmly to be loosen'd till the most just and necessary Ends of it are all obtain'd: Then, when the civil Liberties of Europe are first secure'd; when the Oppressor is humbled who has hung a Millstone on the Neck of the Protestant Religion, there will be Leisure to inquire what other Potentate has (comparatively speaking) hung a Feather there.

But to leave declaiming, I proceed to acquaint you, That the next Campaign will in all Probability be open'd where this will close, I mean on the Frontier of Artois (after the Canal from Ghent to Newport is clear'd of the Enemy;) And that the Allies will make their main Efforts from this Side: Because, in a Word, 'tis now thought here much easier for them to go to Paris than to Madrid. The States have written to the Duke of Württemberg, for the 4000 Men of his Troops which are in their Pay, and serv'd this Campaign on the Rhine: Designing to augment with them the Army in Flanders; as well as with the Saxons, which to the Number of 4000 Foot, 2000 Horse and 2000 Dragoons are newly taken into the Pay of Great Britain and of this State. 1000 Palatine Recruits are arriv'd at Grave, being part of a greater Number which that Elector is to furnish for recruiting his Body of 7000 Men, who last Year were sent to Catalonia; the greatest Part of which 7000 are in the Pay of this State. And because the Deserion from that Body has been very great, the States have given Direction that no unpromising Lads or pitiful Fellows shall now be receiv'd, but such only as may fairly be reckon'd Serviceable effe^ctive Men. These Recruits are to be imbarke^d, with 2 Regiments, on the Squadron which will shortly sail for the Mediterranean, to be landed in Catalonia.

London, December 3.

It will be seen by the next Mail, what turn the Paris Gazetteer gives to the Affair of the Schelde and Brussels. In the mean time, we think it worth observing that the 12th Paris Letter (or Gazette à la Main) dated December 3. ends thus.

We can write nothing concerning the Passage of the Schelde, nor of the raising of the Siege of Brussels, but what you know better than we. To comfort us, we are assur'd, that the Court have taken Measures to make our Affairs take a brighter Course. The Lord hear our Prayers!

Edinburgh, Nov. 24. On Monday last, the Lairds of Keir, Garden, Kippendavie, Newton and Touch, were brought in again before the Lords of Justiciary upon an Indictment of High Treason, and Informations for the Plaintiffs and Defendants being Read, the Lords sustain'd the Libel Relevant, the Witnesses were examined, and the Assize clos'd; the Verdict of the Assize was Yesterday deliv'red to the Lords, and their Lordships opening the same, found the Crime not proven; therefore the Pannels were Assolzied at the Bar.

His Excellency the Venetian Ambassador Chevalier Cenaro does hereby give notice before his Departure from England, that if any Person or Persons pretends to be his Creditors, that they repair to Warwick-House, or to Kington, where they shall be paid if their Bills be found just.

AN Entertainment by Mr. CLINCH of BARNET, who imitates the Flute, Double-Cornet, the Organ, & Voices, the Horn, Huntsman and Pack of Hounds, the Sum-Doctor, the Old Woman, the Drunken Man, the Bells: All Instruments are perform'd by his natural Voice. To be seen this present Evening at 7 o'Clock at the Three Tun Tavern in Holborn above the Bars. Price 1 s.

Lost on Wednesday last out of the Admiralty Garden, a small Guinea Duer, about the size of an Italian Greyhound. If any Person has found her and will bring her to Mr Call's Bookseller's at Charing-Cross, he shall have a Guinea Reward.

Dropt or was taken from a Child's Neck on Friday last in the Evening, between Sticks Market and Bull-yard in Grace-Church street, a Sable Tipper. Whoever brings it to Mr Palmer at the Bull-and-Tavern in Grace-Church-street, shall have 5 s. Reward, and be ask'd no Questions.

In Hertfordshire, 4 Miles from Hitchin, is to be Sold a Farm, in good Repair, with Dove-houses, Granaries, &c. consisting of 270 Acres of Arable and 160 of Meadow and Pasture. Let at the yearly Rent of 172 l. 10 s. Enquiry of Mr. Stracey in Threadneedle-street.

The late Dwelling-House of Dr. Tylson in Lime-street is to be Let. Enquiry at Mr. Butler's against Billiter-Lane in Leaden-hall-street.

A large House fit for a Gentleman, with Gardens, Coach-house and Stable, at Putney, and a Green Walk and Trees before it, fronting the Thames, to be Let. Enquiry at Mr. Curtis's House at Putney aforesaid, or at Mr. Willington's at the Bear in Milk-street, London.

Böhne Tea at 16 s. 20 s. and 24 s. a Pound, justly said to exceed all that is publish'd at that Price. Green Tea for 12 s. the very finest for 16 s. a Pound. The best Coffe 2 s. 10 d. to the Buyers of 6 Pound for 9 s. 6 d. a Pound. Chocolate the best, all Nut 3 s. 4 d. Sugar and Nut 2 s. 2 d. a Pound. Sold by Lawrences Green in Dean-street Fetter Lane.

A Stock of Wooll'n Cloth taken in an Execution (and design'd for publick Sale by the Candle,) is now to be Sold at the Ball-head in Windsor-Court near the May-Pole in the Strand. There is Superfine Mens and Womens Black Cloth at 13 s. 6 d. Refine and Superfine Satins at 15 and 18 s., and all Sorts of mixt Spanish Cloth, with the lowest Price upon each Piece according to the Original Appraiment.

This Day continues th. Sale of Bibliotheca Goodalliana: or, A Catalogue of the Library of the Reverend Mr. George Goodall, B. D. late Rector of Padworth in Berkshire, consisting of valuable Greek, Latin, Italian, French, English, &c. Books in Divinity, History, Philology, Physick, &c. in all Volumes; most of which are very fair, and many of them Gilt and Letter'd. Which will continue to be Sold by Auction at the Latin alias Black-Boy Coffee-house in Ave-Mary-Lane near Ludgate-street, this Day the 3d of December. Beginning with the Latin Twe'ves Page 8. Number 1. Beginning every Evening at 5 o'Clock, till the Sale is ended. By Francis Hawbarr, Bookseller. Catalogues may be had of Mr. King in Westminster-Hall; Mr. Bullnach near St. James's-House; Mr. Stokey and Mr. Bray; Charing-Cross; Mr. Harding in St. Martin's Lane; Mr. Brown without Temple-Bar; Mr. Bowyer and Mr. Clements, St. Paul's Churchyard; Mr. R. Parker at the Royal Exchange; Mr. Tracy on London-Bridge; and Mr. Archer in Henrietta-street, Covent-Garden, Booksellers; and at the Place of Sale.

Major Bird having had great Encouragement in the Sale of True Neat French Brandy Clean and full Proof, and being desirous to maintain the Credit of selling the best at a moderate Profit, doth according to his Promise advertise, that the Market Price of good Brandy is much lower than when he last advanc'd his Price, therefore he will now sell the best old Cognac at 9 s. 6 d. and Bourdeaux at 8 s. 6 d. per Gallon, at his Warehouse in Padding-Lane near the Monument.

This Day is Publish'd,
Poems on several Occasions. Written by Mr. Prior.
Printed for Jacob Tonson at Grays-Inn-Gate next Grays-Inn-Lane.

Yesterday was publish'd,

The Three last Volumes of Historical Collections, abridg'd and improv'd, ending with the Death of K. Charles I. 1648. Printed by J. Darby in Bartholomew-Close, and Sold by Wm Croft near the Oxford-Arms in Warwick-Lane; where the 3 first Volumes may be likewise had: Also the Three Etablissements concerning the Pay of the Sea-Officers; with necessary Lists and Tables, and an Introduction, shewing how they came to be settled.

An Explanation of the Psalms of David, after the Translation used in the Common-Prayer, and pointed as they are to be Sung or Said in Church; for the benefit of the Common-People of England. Printed for A. and J. Churchill at the Black Swan in Paper-Mill-Row.

The Angelick Tincture for Conghs. (now vastly improv'd) Cures all Coughs in 12 or 20 Hours time at most, Infalility, tho' all other thing prove insuffic^ent; and if any of the Buyers shall not finde the said help by it, in the time here mention'd, (using it according to Directions) or if they shall affirm they have known in any part of Europe a more speedy, safe, and admirable Remedy for the worst of Coughs, a cold and moist Brain, and the droppings of salt and sharp Rheums upon the Lungs, the Author (who may be known and spoke with at the Places of Sale whenever deff'd) will not fail to make them Satisfaction. It is Sold at John's Coffee-house in Swallow's-Alley by the Royal Exchange, and at the 7 Stars under St. Dunstan's Church in Fleetstreet. Price 1 s. the Bottle.

The Purging Sugar-Plumbs for Children and others, to whom Physick is Irksome, experienced by Thousands, to be the Pleasante, Safest, and most Effectual Physick in Nature; and that particularly for destroying and bringing away from Old and Young all sorts of Worms, and Wormy-Matter in the Stomach and Guts: Curing Coughs, Rickets, Convulsions, Pale Looks in Children, Green-sickness in Maids, and divers other Deplorable Distempers, as infested at large in the Printed Directions; being the most General Physick, known for Cleansing the Body, of Foulness and Humours, from Head to Foot, and Sweetning the whole Mass of Blood. Sold only by Mr. Varrene, a Bookseller, at Seneca's Head near Somerset-hou^se in the Strand; and John Turney's, at the Rainbow Coffee-house in Cornhill. Price 1 s. the Box.